

Private Admonition -- Board Case No. 1, 1995. **Date of Sanction: October 3, 1995.** A panel of the Preliminary Review Committee of the Board on Professional Responsibility ("the PRC") offered the Respondent in this matter the sanction of a private admonition for a violation of **DLRPC 3.4(c)** (disregarding obligation to tribunal) and **DLRPC 8.1(b)** (failing to cooperate with disciplinary authorities). The Respondent accepted the sanction.

The matter arose out of a report by the Commission on Continuing Legal Education to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("the ODC") that the Respondent had failed to comply with the Commission's rules dealing with mandatory continuing legal education requirements. When the ODC initiated its investigation of the matter, the Respondent was initially uncooperative. It was determined that the Respondent had developed a psychological problem in dealing with professional disciplinary agencies, such that professional counseling was necessary to treat the problem. It was also determined that this psychological problem had not had a detrimental effect on the rest of the Respondent's practice, and that professional treatment would likely be successful.

One condition of the private admonition, in addition to the payment of the ODC's costs of investigation, was that the Respondent complete a course of professional counseling. The Respondent had been sanctioned privately on two prior occasions for other minor disciplinary violations.